



Wellington
The new **Spines** LP, *The Moon*, was delayed by lack of studio time for mixing but should be in record shops by the end of March ... **Fear**

Of Extinction, a city four-piece, recently released a 12" EP on their own **Fear Of Extinction** label ... **Violent Summer** are set to release their first EP, 'Morning After' on Jayrem. The band was formed by Steve Wilson and includes Legionnaires ... the **MIDEM** conference held recently in France and attended by several NZ indie labels proved fruitful for Jayrem. Jim Moss reports he has definite UK releases through the Cartel and Rough Trade for the **Spines**, **Low Profile**, **Circus Block 4**, the **Idles** and **IQU**. In the States **Flesh D-Vice** are likely to be released and *The Silent One* soundtrack has

already sold well there ... expect to find the following in your favourite plastic parlour over the next few months: **Step Chant Unit** single 'Painting Pictures', **Midge Marsden/Roger Fox** collaboration, Hot Records compilation and **Vietnam** four-track ... Victoria Uni's orientation programme has proceeded smoothly with excellent audiences at gigs. Full marks to Richard Simpson and cohorts. **David Taylor**

UK & USA
New **Smiths** single, 'Shakespeare's Sister', appears to demonstrate unprecedented good taste on the part of the miserable Mancunians by featuring an **Elsie Tanner** pic sleeve. Wow ... Danny Sims, the man who released the tacky **Bob Marley** demo collection *Chances Are*, is now claiming that Marley signed a contract with him in 1972 handing over the rights to all existing recordings and those for the next three years, to Sims' own company. He's claiming millions of dollars in court ... **Mel Smith** and **Griff Rhys Jones** get their first shot at a movie in *Morons From Outer Space* ... and **Terry Gilliam**'s follow-up to *Time Bandits* is an exercise in large-scale madcapness called *Brazil*, which stars **Robert De Niro** ... a cassette single of a banned **Rolling Stones** song is the latest release by the **Music Industry Liberation Knights**, a London-based group dedicated to making available recordings that have been canned over the years through record co executive nerves or whatever. This single, 'Claudine', is about actress Claudine Longet who beat a rap for shooting her ski instructor boyfriend. M.I.L.K. also claims to have top-quality unreleased material by the **Beatles**, **Beach Boys** (including the legendary unreleased *Smile* tracks), **Bowie** and **John Fogerty** ... will **Bill Laswell**, fresh from the **Mick Jagger** LP, produce the next **Motorhead** platter? ... UK indie **Pinnacle** has made it through receivership and is now fully operational, after being purchased by a publishing concern called Lambourne Productions, although it has lost **4AD** ... former **Sex Pistols** drummer **Paul Cook** has joined the **Chiefs Of Relief**, the post-Bow Wow Wow group, who claim to be ready for a burst of activity ... former Gun Club singer **Geoffrey Lee Pierce** has been

playing in London in a jazz combo which also includes drug-orientated journo **Kris Needs** and **Ollie** from the Specimen ... new book, *Elvis — The Novel*, by Robert Graham and Keith Baty has been gaining favourable comment for its approach to the saga ... **Stevie Ray Vaughan** has produced the new LP by Alligator Records guitarist **Lonnie Mack**, *Strike Like Lightning*, **Albums**: Sex Pistols *The Mini Album* (previously unreleased early material), Killing Joke *Night Time*, Tears For Fears *Songs From the Big Chair*, Howard Jones *Dream Into Action*, China Crisis *Flaunt the Imperfection*, Husker Du *New Day Rising*, Martin Rev *Clouds Of Glory*.

Auckland
Success for NZ music overseas: the **Patea Maori Club's** 'Poi E' adjudged joint single of the week in the March 2 *NME* by the venerable Charles Shaar Murray. Said CSM: "sounds like an excerpt from a great party" ... in a deal initiated at last month's **MIDEM** music fair, **Flying Nun** records will now be distributed in the United Kingdom by **Rough Trade**. Apparently FN has already built up a small word-of-mouth following in the motherland ... **Dance Exponents** also benefited from the fair and have so far confirmed a French release deal on the strength of 'Sex & Agriculture'.

Goblin Mix are now bigger by one with the addition of David from the Exploding Budgies on wild guitar ... new **Peking Man** single is 'Lift Your Head Up High' which will be available on Hit Singles in both 7" and 12" form. The 12" will contain extra live tracks ... new about are **This Times Square**, effectively a combination of Skin Dynamics and Stiff Richards. They have a debut five-track EP out and are in search of a bass player and a keyboardist. Contact Garry (665-227) or Rewi (762-099) ... former member of Marginal Era, **Richard Newcomb** is working with **IQU** who also have the services of Peter Van Der Fluit on bass and are looking for a permanent singer ... graffiti in mens' toilets at Mainstreet: "Flesh D-Vice — six years too late, and five bucks too much ..."

South
The **Star & Garter** is now completely finished as a rock 'n' roll

venue. The new manager didn't exactly, um, *encourage* live music ... the **Punch** are recording at 3ZM and preparing themselves for a month long Aranui resident spot ... the **Haemogoblins** album has now become a five-track EP and they have a new bass player in Greg Bainbridge, who also plays with the Builders ... Bill Direen rumoured to be taking the **Builders** to Australia later this year ... also planning an Australian trip are the **Connoisseurs**.

Currently working together but without a name are **Peter Cooke** (ex Wastrel) and **Martin Morris** (ex Exponent) ... **Vince Pinker** also has an as yet unnamed band ... the **Wastrels** have recorded a farewell single, 'Shadows/She Don't Need You' at Auckland's Mandrill and may do a live album in Wellington before Anton Jenner leaves the country in late April ... it would seem that the **Idles** are finished. Drummer Barry Blackler is to travel to Auckland for a few appearances with **Crystal Zoom** ... **Monitor** are breaking up.

Rob Failsafe is currently working on the much-awaited followup to the *Accident Compilation* cassette, which will this time also include bands from Dunedin ... also due from Failsafe is the **Southern Front** LP ... the **Say Yes To Apes** plan for world domination has moved a step closer with the arrival in ChCh of **Kevin "Bad Ass" Smith** and they plan to delight local audiences shortly ... **Peter Arnold** is planning a follow-up to his **Jumbles** 45 'Stuff Of Dreams' and is trying to put an actual band together ... the **Bats** are recording at Nightshift.

On the heels of the **Punch**, fellow Timaruvians **Naughty Thoughts** are moving to ChCh ... **Ritchie Venus & the Blue Beetles** have been working on a long-playing cassette and a single at Nightshift ... **Charles Bravo** are rehearsing new material for a cabaret act ... the **Minit Men** recording at 3ZM.

Passing thru ChCh in near future are Aust's **Mickey Rat** and **Sneaky Feelings** ... don't forget the **Flying Nun** spectacular on Easter Monday with Chills, Sneaky Feelings, Look Blue Go Purple and Skeptics. Tickets \$10 from Record Factory and Radar Records ... rumoured to tour here soon are Aussies the **Riff** ... and did you know that Midnight Oil drummer **Rob Hirst** went to Mossman Primary School with Aussie cricket

captain **Alan Border** and actor **Tom Burlinson**? In fact they were all prefects there in 1967. Strange but true!
Alister Cain

Video



RCA/Columbia has just released a new batch of music videos, the list headed by *Rock 'n' Roll*, the *Early Years*, which features footage of Elvis, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino and Bill Haley, taken from TV shows of the time, etc. There's also the 30min *Reckless* video from Bryan Adams, Joan Armatrading's retrospective *Track Record* and *Styx Live*.

CBS/Fox heads its releases with *Unfaithfully Yours*, starring Dudley Moore and Natassja Kinski. There are also two comedies in Mel Brooks' *To Be Or Not To Be* and Pamela Stephenson in the oddball *Private Collection*. The **Cine** range offers the original classic SF film *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, Joan Crawford and Sterling Hayden in *Johnny Guitar* and John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in *Rio Grande*.

Palace offers the charming SF movie *Android*, a hit at last year's film festivals which stars Klaus Kinski a long way from home. There's also the second Charles Chaplin re-release, *Modern Times* and Robert Altman's *Streamers*.

Warner video has the somewhat looney Steve Martin in *The Man With Two Brains* and Tom Cruise in one of last year's comedy hits on the big screen, *Risky Business*.

MGM has the Hitchcock classic *North By Northwest*, starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint, and *Logan's Run*.

Other releases include *Roadshow* with the quirky *Valley Girl*; **Media** with the silly but enjoyable sexy spoof *Flesh Gordon*; **7 Keys** with Jack Lemmon in *The Entertainer*; and VCL with Louis Gossett Jr in *He Who Stands Alone*.

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